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Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Directorate of Central Govt. Health  
Scheme (DCGHS)  
Hospital Empanelment Cell (HEC)-  
Policy, CGHS Bhawan, Sector-13,  
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Dated 20th November 2023

To

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Sub: Your RTI application, under RTI Act, 2005.

Reference No.: File No. RTI. 12034/161/2023-CGHS.III dated 10.11.2023 &  
Online RTI Registration Number: MOHFW/R/E/23/03026 dated 15.10.2023

Sir,

With reference to your online RTI application referred above, transferred to this section dated 10/11/2023 and received in this office on 17.11.2023 for providing information to your RTI application, The available information is as follows: -

Sr. No.	Information sought	Reply
1	A requisition to provide copies of all those documents at are related to the decision making in fixing C.G.H.S. prescribed rate of Rs Rs 350/- for reimbursement of Doctors consultation fees to the beneficiaries vide MoH&FW's F.No.Z15025/28/2022/DIR/CGHS dated 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Copy of relevant File Noting No. # 96 & #106 of referenced file No. FTS 8187036, MoH&FW's No. Z15025 /28/2022/DIR/CGHS on revision of Consultation charges under CGHS is enclosed.

1<sup>st</sup> Appellate authority, Additional Director, CGHS (HQ), CGHS Bhawan, Sector-13, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066

Enclu. As above

(Dr Lanu Wapang)  
CPIO/Sr. CMO (HEC)

Copy to:-

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**Note # 106****Integrated Finance Division**Ref: Note 96 above.

PD had sought concurrence of IFD to revision of rates of CGHS procedures/investigations/room rates/consultation fee/ICU room rent, etc. for Empanelment of Health Care Organizations (HCOs) in 2023. The new rates are proposed to be applicable to all cities including Mumbai w.e.f. 01.4.2023 (Notes 37 onwards refer).

2. Case was discussed with the officers of CGHS in the chamber of AS&FA on 16.3.2023 as also brought out by the PD in their note 96. PD has now proposed that the commonly used procedures accounting for a major proportion of expenditure may be re-examined for anomalies and correction. Pending such an exercise, the **rates for Consultation fee / Room rent / ICU, may be considered for revision as a first step** as per the details given under:

a) Consultation Fee (IPD & OPD) may be fixed at Rs.350/-

b) I.C.U charges may revised as Rs.5400/- for categories of ward entitlement (General/ Semi-private /Private)

c) Room rent may be revised as:-

Rs.1500/- for general ward, Rs.3000/- for semi-private ward, Rs.4,500/- for private ward

3. As regards ICU rates, PD has vide note 37 stated that presently under 2017 ICU charges based on L1 was Rs.750 since it was unrealistic, a decision was taken to add Room rent as per entitlement in addition to Rs750/-. Since this anomaly also got corrected, the ICU charges may be made common for all ward entitlements without adding Room rent.

4. With regard to revision in Consultation Fee, PD has stated that Specialist consultation Rs.300/- may be taken as Standardized rate for both OPD and indoor consultations (Consultation rate of specialist for indoor treatment in 2014 is Rs.300/- and Rs 150/- in OPD).

5. As regards revision in Room Rent, PD has stated that these were fixed in 2010 @Rs.1000/- for General Ward, Rs.2000/- for Semi Private Ward and Rs.3000 for Private Ward (includes Diet)

The Room rent for Private ward Deluxe at AIIMS is Rs.6000/- plus 5% GST + Rs.300 for Diet

Therefore, the room rent for CGHS empanelled hospitals may be

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enhanced by 50% - Rs.1500/- (General), Rs.3,000/- (Semi Private) and Rs.4,500/-(Private)

6. Total additional financial implications are indicated to be between Rs.240 crore to Rs.300 crore or about 8-10% of total payment outgo of Rs.3000 crore to hospital bills in 2022-23 taken as base. Detailed workings in this regard may kindly be perused vide note 101 above.

7. Proposal has the administrative approval of SS&DG vide note 103 above.

8. The revision appears to be more or less justified on the analogy that it conforms to the rate of dearness allowance to Central Govt. employees, which currently is @42% including Jan. 2023 increase of 4%. May also note that room rent were last fixed in 2010, hence, 50% increase in the same also appears justified.

9. In view of the fact that CGHS rates for empanelled HCOs last revised in 2014 were applicable for two years and extendable for one more year i.e. upto 2017, IFD may consider to concur in to the proposal of PD for revision of rates in the three components as proposed vide para 2(ii) of note 96 subject to the following:-

- (i) Approval at the level of Secretary(HFW)/Hon'ble HFM(HFW), the case being the policy matter;
- (ii) Revision to be effective from prospective date;
- (iii) Before revised rates are made effective, Ministry of Finance may also be informed as revision will have implication of about 8-10% budget increase in Medical Head across all Ministries of Govt.

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**Note # 96**

1. AS&DG, MoHFW called Director, CGHS for a discussion on the proposed revised CGHS package rate on 15.03.2023 in his chamber. Apart from Director, CGHS, JS(IFD) , AD(HQ), AD(HQ-Admin.) , US (IFD) also attended the meeting.

The procedure followed for arriving at the fixation of rates since 1994 was explained . In 1996 , the median rate quoted by the hospitals was considered for fixation of the rates. In 2001, modified Median rate quoted by empanelled hospitals was considered. In 2006 and 2010 and 2014 the Lowest rate (L1) quoted by hospitals were considered. In 2014 , rates of several procedures were lower than 2010 ( more than 20% less ) rates and L2/ L3 were also considered. Moreover, the rates finalized by CGHS were offered to all hospitals who satisfied terms and conditions of empanelment and therefore, it is not strictly a tender process. Moreover, continuous empanelment scheme on same rates is continuing.

It was also explained that from 2006 onwards there were complaints of anomalous rates since 2006 onwards and they continued. It was explained that to correct anomalies, the rates quoted in 2014 by more than 240 HCos were examined and median rate and Average was compiled . Among 2014 Notified rates of CABG, Angioplasty, Total Knee Replacement and Total Hip Replacement Surgery have been accepted by one and all as reasonable.

L1 rate for the above procedures as compared to the Average lower rate (among Median and Average) is 0.822. The rates arrived from average/Median for all procedures were multiplied by a factor of 0.822 and considered as standardized rate of 2014 , valid till 2017. It was proposed that an enhancement of 50% of raise in DA for central Government employees may be applied and the rates so arrived are proposed as revised rates for consideration.

At this juncture , AS&FA remarked that the rates of the four procedures appeared to be closer among L1 and Ave./Median and therefore, how the multiplication factor of 0.822 was applied to whole list. He raised a query as to why the reverse of it cannot be applied? - since , the Average/Median rates of four selected procedures were  $1/0.822$  - i.e., approximately 1.2 times , why can't a factor of 1.2 applied for 2014 rates for enhancement. He was also of the view that proposal for enhancement by further by 50% of DA increase is also not justified.

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He was also of the view that the existing proposal is likely to have huge financial implications and it would be difficult to agree to the proposal under consideration. Director, CGHS also submitted that the complaints are about rates in different specialties like Dental , Urology , Neurosurgery , Orthopaedics and the procedures are not specified. Therefore, CGHS on its own cannot pick and decide rates for some procedures as it goes against uniform procedure to be followed.

It was submitted by Director, CGHS that the rates quoted by two private hospitals had been placed in the file and the proposed rates are much lower than the market rates.

AS&FA was of the view that PD should re-examine the matter, whether rates of some selected procedures is enhanced immediately and think about others later. PD may also examine , if they can explore the option of comparing the rates of followed by a good number of private hospitals in 2023 having 50 beds/100 beds/ and more beds.

It was submitted by CGHS that picking up rates from some hospitals would invite criticism and more over all the hospital would not change in market on the lines of CGHS and they charge under different heads.

Since, the data base used was of 2014 rates and the rates were finalized and L1 rates were considered , the proposal to consider Average/Median rates on the same data base shall be a policy change.

AS&FA asked PD to consider revision of some procedures now and decide on the remaining later.

In conclusion , AS&DG directed that the Program Division should re-examine the proposal.

2. In view of the above the following proposal is submitted for consideration:

i) it is submitted for consideration that the commonly used procedures accounting for a major proportion of expenditure may be re- examined for anomalies and correction.

ii) Pending such an exercise , the rates for Consultation fee / Room rent / ICU ,as proposed may be considered for revision as a first step, as per the details given under:

a) Consultation Fee (IPD & OPD) may be fixed at Rs 350

b) I.C.U charges may revised as Rs 5400/- for categories

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of ward entitlement ( General/ Semi-private /Private)-

c) Room rent may be revised as

Rs. 1500/ for general ward

Rs. 3000/- for semi-private

Rs 4,500/- for

ward

Private ward

Submitted for consideration please.

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